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TOWN OFFICERS.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

T. B. W. Stetson, O. E. Turner, A. E. Skillen.

Clerk and Treasurer.

M. C. Osgood.

Superintendent of Schools

James E. Irish.

School Committee

Orlando Irish, James W. Libby, B. F. Glover.

Collector and Constable.

John V. Thurlow.

Truant Officer.

W. P. Hayford.

Trustees of Ministerial and School Fund.

T. S. Doten. J. W. Libby, T. B. W. Stetson.

Board of Health.

William Cushman, Orlando Irish, T. B. W. Stetson.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Hartford.

We the Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Clerk, Superintendant of Schools and Trustees of Ministerial and School Fund; herewith submit the following reports for the year ending Feb. 12, 1901. Showing receipts and expenditures.

Report of Selectmen.

Valuation April 1st, 1900

Resident real estate.....	\$153,575.
Non-resident real estate.....	30,995. —————
	\$184,570.
Resident personal estate.....	\$46,378.
Non-resident personal estate.....	395
	————— \$46,773
	\$231,343.
Town Farm property.....	2,440.
	—————
	\$228,903.
Supplementary Valuation.....	3,823.
	—————
Valuation assessed.....	\$232,726.

Appropriated and assessed:

State Tax.....	\$735 42
County tax.....	453 31
Town charges.....	500 00
Support of poor	400 00
Common schools.....	700 00
Free High school	100 00
Repairs of roads and bridges	1000 00
Winter road work.....	1200 00
School books.....	125 00

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Repairs of school houses.....	75 00
Deficiency in winter work.....	309 89
Overlay.....	271 68
Supplementary tax.....	87 92
Total amount assessed.....	\$5,958 22
No of polls 204, poll tax \$3.00. Rate per cent. .023.	

HIGHWAY ACCT.

Amount raised by town.....	\$1,000 00
Unexpended in 1899.....	28 71
	\$1,028 71

Orders drawn for labor and material.

T. B. W. Stetson, services as Rd. Com.	52 00
O. E. Turner, " " " "	50 00
A. E. Skillin, " " " "	39 00
T. B. W. Stetson, paid for labor and material.....	38 63
O. E. Turner, paid for labor and material.....	19 22
A. E. Skillen, paid for labor and material.....	7 06
H. A. Thompson, labor	135 50
Levi T. Monk, "	113 15
J. F. Child, "	50 25
F. J. Farnum, "	35 80
Moses Young, "	32 83
Geo. R. Russell, "	29 38
C. C. Russell "	10 38
J. G. Gammon, " and plank.....	11 25
Geo. W. Tibbetts, plates for road machine.....	18 00

Portland Pipe Co., Culvert pipe.....	27	92
O. H. Berry, labor and material.....	18	31
H. A. & H. B. Jacobs, labor.....	39	63
C. S. Mitchell, labor.....	36	25
H. E. McIntire, ".....	25	63
Henry Davenport, plank.....	23	05
Arthur Jordan, labor.....	11	50
H. R. Berry, ".....	10	15
D. A. Fletcher, plank and labor.....	12	61
E. W. Howe, feed.....	6	60
A. B. Benson, labor and repairs.....	4	25
F. J. Bridgham, labor.....	3	25
F. E. Foye, repairs of road machine....	4	75
John. T. Glover, labor.....	2	75
B. F. Glover, ".....	1	56
C. C. Burke, ".....	6	88
Henry Proctor, painting bridge.....	5	66
A. R. Tobin, labor.....	3	06
M. T. Lord, ".....	6	97
Elmer H. York, labor.....	3	49
John V. Thurlow, labor.....	4	37
C. A. Merrill, ".....	5	00
John Briggs, repairs of road machine...	3	90
A. Damon, " " " ".....	1	25
S. T. Doten, labor and plank.....	10	38
Geo. Wadlin, Dynamite and repairs....	4	44
Wood Brothers, labor.....	3	67
E. L. Andrews, labor.....	7	50
W. E. Russell, ".....	4	00
W. F. Mitchell, ".....	3	00
H. L. DeCoster, ".....	1	87
Geo. A. Holmes, ".....	8	50
T. E. Ryerson, ".....	8	94
Arthur L. Purkis.....	6	00

A. G. Marston, "	10	71
C. C. Fletcher, "	4	00
J. C. Marston, "	1	50
E. Bryant, "	4	75
Amasa Cartar, "	5	00
Decatur Irish, "	1	25
Loren C. Record	9	25
B. A. Hutchinson	2	75
J. H. Dearborn, "	14	24
E. W. Turner, "	4	99
W. H. Allen, "	5	69
Wm. Cushman, "	11	45
Town team	42	75
Everett Robbins, Overseer's work	10	25
By Overdraw to balance		\$69 41
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	\$1,098 12	1,098 12

Winter Highway Work:

Amount raised	\$1200 00
Deficiency 1899	309 89
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	\$1509 89
To overdraw 1899	309 89
A. F. Cox	9 32
F. J. Farnum	3 91
L. A. DeCoster	4 12
Wood Brothers	36 46
John B. DeCoster	8 75
Perle Bridgham	2 45
A. R. Tobin	25 13
Prescott Bosworth	9 21
C. A. Merrill	21 56
W. W. DeCoster	2 43
Fred Richardson	5 50

To M. T. Lord.....	19 15
J. W. Farnum	9 50
Elmer H. York.....	34 62
C. B. Ryerson.....	7 50
H. E. McIntire.....	4 25
Elisha B. Howard.....	10 00
Wm. Cushman	5 01
D. R. Stewart	8 25
C. C. Burke	16 25
P. C. Fogg.....	4 06
Wm. H. Cole.....	4 56
L. A. Jones.....	8 62
A. B. Benson.....	17 37
Wm. H. Cone.....	4 00
F. J. Bridgham.....	5 62
W. F. Mitchell	13 75
Addison Fuller.....	1 14
E. W. Turner	20 41
Eben L. Andrews.....	12 00
L. C. Stetson.....	10 88
N. Thomas.....	4 00
James E. Irish.....	2 25
A. E. Skillen.....	14 34
Lester DeCorter.....	5 56
J. W. Dunn.....	16 25
A. G. Hadley.....	59
E. P. Gilman.....	4 97
W. L. Libby.....	1 00
J. W. Libby.....	16 12
D. A. Corliss	9 03
Dexter Gurney.....	13 75
C. T. Gurney.....	20 25
Stillman Gurney.....	2 63

Geo. B. Tosier	6 00
Jacob Brothers	27 00
Arno Howard	6 63
Hiram Gammon	2 50
H. S. Howard	6 95
Abner D. Howard	17 12
A. H. Alley	5 00
J. D. Dearborn	10 49
C. H. Brown	4 25
J. T. Glover	9 75
Leroy Philbrick	1 50
B. F. Glover	11 06
J. C. Marston	6 50
L. W. Thompson	3 75
Ezra Keene Jr.	29 50
O. Bartlett	14 12
C. H. Berry	20 39
Adelbert Kidder	11 50
I. L. Noe	12 87
Wm. P. Hayford	25 52
W. F. Mitchill Jr.	1 72
M. E. Keith	11 00
N. B. Burgess	16 75
J. F. Childs	10 35
Wm. Foye	2 15
L. A. Keene	4 12
Geo. W. Ricker	3 87
W. S. Farrer	12 00
H. R. Berry	21 87
J. F. Palmer	6 37
D. B. Knight	3 15
Moses Young	19 59
E. W. Tinkham	10 41

John V. Thurlow.....	14	12
Henry Knapp.....	25	75
E. T. Sampson.....	18	50
Ellen M. Bonney.....	8	58
W. C. Bartlett.....	1	00
E. E. Caldwell.....	2	00
S. T. Doten.....	10	38
Everett Robbins.....	2	75
T. B. W. Stetson.....	24	38
J. H. Billings.....	12	12
Emery Parsons.....	12	00
H. A. Bicknell.....	2	00
Thos. Dyer.....	4	82
G. R. Russell.....	26	83
C. C. Russell.....	11	25
J. M. Millett.....	3	12
C. H. and Geo. Young.....	16	09
C. W. Thompson.....	1	75
Fred C. Bartlett.....	5	39
Geo. E. Corliss.....	3	00
Geo. Record.....	5	57
O. E. Turner.....	19	00
J. E. Thompson.....	3	68
Geo. A. Holmes.....	3	50
F. E. Foster.....	1	00
Arthur L. Purkis.....	6	96
A. G. Marston.....	5	75
T. E. Ryerson.....	8	38
A. S. Lucas.....	20	13
E. Bryant.....	7	43
D. A. Fletcher.....	7	36
Amasa Carter.....	3	12
G. W. Goding.....	8	00
G. W. Brown.....	10	62

B. Cary.....	1	13	
C. W. Thompson.....	14	00	
J. F. Tyler.....	11	83	
B. A. Hutchinson.....	3	10	
E. Davis.....	2	62	
B. F. Philbrick.....	12	50	
Balance unexpended.....	26	28	<hr/>
			\$1,509 89

TOWN CHARGES.

M. C. Osgood, Treasurer.....	\$44	30	
“ “ “ Clerk.....	11	60	
T. B. W. Stetson, Services as selectman etc....	63	00	
O. E. Turner, “ “ “.....	48	00	
A. E. Skillen, “ “ “.....	45	00	
James E. Irish, Superintendant of schools.....	74	60	
O. M. Richardson, Printing town reports.....	22	40	
A. E. Skillen, Expense in Goding case.....	12	50	
Loring, Short & Harmon, Valuation books etc..	9	80	
Ervin Howard, Lamb killed by dog.....	4	00	
Ellis Whitman, Damage to carriage.....	2	50	
Orlando Irish, Painting town hall.....	36	77	
Foster & Hersey, services in Goding case.....	50	00	
A. S. Hathaway, Insurance on town farm buildings.....	12	00	
Adelbert Kidder, decorating soldiers graves....	3	00	
G. E. Corliss, Ballot clerk.....	3	00	
J. H. Dearborn, “ “.....	3	00	
A. S. Hathaway, Insuring school house.....	22	50	
J. W. Libby, Services as treas. M. and S. fund...	1	50	
M. C. Osgood, Cash expenses.....	1	95	

M. C. Osgood, watering tub.....	3 00
" " " Care of hearse.....	18 00
Wm. Cushman, services on board of health....	14 82
O. Irish, " " " " "	11 25
T. B. W. Stetson, " " " " " . . .	3 50
" " " " Trustee M. and S. fund	75
Dr. E. H. Andrews, Return of births	1 00
F. L. Allen, Printing order blanks.....	1 25
Interest on town orders.	71 00
Overdrawn in 1899.....	379 73

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By appropriation	\$500 00
Overdrawn to balance.....	475 72

\$975 72, 975 72

TOWN OFFICER'S BILLS.

T. B. W. Stetson, Selectmen, etc.....	\$62 00
O. E. Turner, " "	48 00
A. E. Skillen, " "	44 00
M. C. Osgood, Clerk,	12 45
M. C. Osgood, Treasurer	34 18
James E. Irish, Superintendent schools, 61	50
John V. Thurlow, Collector.....	75 00
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	\$337 13

ABATEMENTS.

Emery Parsons' bills of 1898.	
Shubel Baker estate	\$ 54

Geo. T. Piper, heirs.....	43	
Francis D. Haggett, heirs.....	1 40	—————
		\$2 37

Loren C. Record's bills of 1899.

A. M. Soule.....	78	
Geo. T. Piper, heirs	39	
J. S. Mendall estate, (double tax.).....	1 94	
Francis Hagget, heirs.....	1 26	
Shubel Baker estate	49	
Andrew Peters, left town.....	3 97	
Lewis Jones, sick.....	3 00	
John M. Benson, left town	6 49	
Addison Fuller, sick	2 36	
W. D. Brown, out of town.....	3 00	
C. B. Ryerson, minor.....	3 00	
C. F. Reed, unable to pay.....	4 75	—————
		\$31 43

STANDING OF THE TOWN.

Liabilities:

School money due.....	\$217 79	
Outstanding orders bearing interest.....	1383 80	
Other outstanding orders.....	563 36	
Town officers bills for 1900.....	337 13	
Outstanding bills estimated.....	125 00	
Interest estimated	100 00	—————
Total	\$ 2727 08	

Resources:

Due from John V. Thurlow, coll....	\$2376 31	
“ “ A. J. Berry, for rock ma- ple for 1900	102 88	

" for wood sold from town farm.....	12 00
' from State, damage to sheep by dogs.....	12 00
" Skowhegan.....	80 00————
Total.....	\$2583 19
Balance against the town	143 89
All of which is respectfully submitted.	

T. B. W. Stetson,	}	Selectmen, Assessors of Hartford.
O. E. Turner,		
A. E. Skillin.		

Expense in Diptheria Cases by Board of Health.

Morrill & Cole, Clothing.....	24 60
J. A. Rawson, Medicine	3 00
Chas. Tuttle, Shoes	1 25
B. Spaulding & Sons, Cap.....	50
O. Irish, Supplies.....	27 45
Dr. E. H. Andrews, Medical attendance,	49 50
Anti-toxine, 5 doses.....	12 50————

Total expense in families of Dexter

and Chas. Gurney \$118 80

O. Irish, supplies	\$15 92
Dr. Caldwell, visit	2 50
Dr. Morse, medical attendance.....	15 00
Anti-toxine.....	14 20
Disinfecting house	5 00————

Total expense in family of Pres-

cot Bosworth..... \$52 62

Total expense \$171 42

TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

Expenditures.

Grain and feed	\$149 10
Groceries and pork	58 30
Meat	8 14
Repair of Harnesses, reins, etc.	6 38
Clothes wringer	2 00
Shoes, rubbers and leggings	4 75
4 Horse blankets, stable supplies	8 95
Oil and can	4 09
Garden seed	1 79
Nails	2 56
Baskets and pails	1 10
3 Steel wedges	1 16
Sulphur, salts, etc	1 00
Lantern and globe	74
2 Brooms	60
Scythe, rake and stone	1 45
Paris green, fly powder, etc	40
Harness oil and axel grease	63
Hoe and rope	50
Apple knife, dye etc	26
Axe, handles and matches	1 23
Clothing, thread, etc	14 00
F. J. Farnum, labor	2 00
A. B. Briggs, planting corn	6 00
Cantdog	1 10
W. E. Russell, Cutting corn	10 00
Bert Jacobs, picking corn	5 00
Harry Jacobs, " "	1 25
Dexter Brown, " "	1 00
Bert Jacobs, shingling,	5 00
Shoats and pigs	22 50

Blacksmithing	12	60
Car fare		60
Windows and putty	5	35
Zinc	1	68
Repair of glasses		30
Dynamite		17
Wheelbarrow		50
Lumber		90
Filing saw		60
Hinges and bolts		11
Teapot		30
Hard corn	12	40
Seed corn	4	80
Fertilizer	45	65
Chas Starbird, haying	14	00
Shingles	13	09
Yarn		89
Cutting wood and lumber	81	02
Flour	30	25
Bull	25	00
Horse	100	00
O. Irish, supplies	8	67
Ellis P. Russell, supplies, 1899	10	26
Repairs on rake	1	25
Overseer's salary	250	00
Total		\$943 37
Balance		137 57

Receipts.

Cream	\$258	89
Sweet corn	195	04
Potatoes	12	18
Eggs	23	72
Hog and hens sold F. J. Farnham	29	60

Cow sold F. J. Farnham.....	18 00
Horse sold to Robinson.....	30 00
2 Veal calves sold to D. J. Russell.....	9 25
Bull, sold to B. Gerish.....	22 50
Hog and heifer, sold to B. Gerrish....	41 61
Cow and calf, sold to B. Gerrish.....	38 00
Cow, sold to B. Gerrish ..	37 00
2 yearlings, sold to F. J. Farnum.....	21 00
4 yearlings sold to Nevens	40 00
Cow, sole to Higgins	30 00
2 calves, sold to Chas. Thompson.....	20 00
Yearling, sold to Damon.....	8 00
Cow-hide.	2 75
Meat.....	10 50
Labor.....	4 75
Board of road men and choppers.....	6 72
Wood	2 75
Due for wood sold.....	12 00
Seed corn.....	12 00
Mowing machine	5 00
Use of Bull.....	3 50
Use of horse.....	50
Pulp wood.....	20 62
Due for maple.....	102 88
Team on road.....	42 75
Lacor on road.....	10 25
Balance unexpended 1899.....	9 18

\$1080 94 \$1080 94

Inmates of Almshouse.

Walter Lucas, aged 51,	Hannah Leighton, aged 78,
Sarah Stubbs, " 68,	Mercy A. Ellis, " 63.

Schedule of Stock, Provisions, etc., on Farm
Feb. 11th, 1901.

2 Horses.....	\$225 00
6 Cows.....	150 00
3 Swile.....	25 00
30 Hens.....	16 00
8 Tons hay.....	100 00
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	\$510 00

Supplies on hand Feb. 11th, 1901.

1 bbl. flour, 100 bu. potatoes 100 lbs. pork, 75 lbs. beef, 50 lbs. dried apples, 8 lbs. butter, 10 lbs. lard, 8 bbls. apples, $1\frac{1}{2}$ bu. beans, 1 bu. salt, 8 gal. molasses 1 doz. eggs, 12 jars canned fruit, seven bars soap, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb nutmeg, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. cassia, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. cloves, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. ginger, $\frac{3}{4}$ lb. pepper, $\frac{3}{4}$ lb. pimento, 10 lbs. soda, 1 gross matches.

There is 20 cords of dry wood at E. Sumner Sta. and 40 cords of green wood cut in the woods, also 4 thousand of pine and hemlock lumber yarded.

PAUPER ACCT. Off The Farm.

Dr. Watson, medical attendance James Starbird and wife.....	\$6 00
Dr. O. A. Sprague, medical attendance J. Starbird and wife.....	16 00
D. Morse, med. attendance Susan G. Cole.....	43 25
C. C. Burke, board Susan and Floyd Cole.....	87 50
Dr. Morse, attendance on Addison Ful- ler	5 00

O. Irish, supplies for A. Fuller.....	10 00
Leander Kilbreth, hay for A. Fuller....	6 36
Morrill & Cole, supplies furnished J. Young.....	7 21
Simeon Morrill, support of Mrs. Page.	106 00
Alonzo Fuller, board of Wm. Cone....	80 00
J. S. Sturtevant, med. attendance to Mrs. Page.....	14 75
Balance.....	97 93

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By appropriation.....	400 00
Due Skowhegan.....	80 00

\$480 00 \$480 00

We think the Susan Cole bill of \$130 75 and the bill of \$7 21 furnished J. Young, is due from the State, but we have not reckoned it as resources.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. B. W. Stetson,	}	Overseers of the Poor of Hartford.
O. E. Turner,		
A. E. Skillin.		

Treasurer's Report.

M. C. Osgood in account with the town of Hartford
as treasurer.

1900.

Dr.

Feb. 12, Due from Emery Parsons collector for 1898	\$115 62
Due from Loren C. Record, collector for 1899	1,227 17
Cash in treasury	237 68
Feb. 20, From town of Buckfield, tuition	37 15
“ “ “ “ repairs on Whiting school house	16 47
With hearse to Sumner.	3 00
Mar. 1, Of C. F. Canwell for calf sold from town farm	7 00
Cream sold from town farm	22 44
“ “ “ “ “	19 74
Apr. 7, “ “ “ “ “	23 03
Cash from overseer of town farm	7 23
May 19, Cream sold from town farm	23 13
May 15, Committed to John V. Thurlow, col- lector for 1900.	\$5,960 20
June 14, Cream sold from town farm	21 69
July 18, School fund and Mill tax from State ..	440 05
July 21, Cream sold from town farm	37 46
Order from overseer on town farm ..	17 30
Aug. 14, Cream sold from town farm	22 34
Sept, 14, “ “ “ “ “	30 02
Oct. 8, “ “ “ “ “	25 12

Nov. 6, Received J. W. Libby, int. on school	
fund	19 23
For dog license	44 00
Nov. 15, Received corn check from town farm .	167 56
28' Cream sold from town farm	23 72
1901.	
Jan. 4, Cream sold from town farm	13 29
Of Overseer of town farm	37 00
" " " " "	36 00
Amount refunded on account of dog	
licence for 1899 from state	47 76
Feb. 12, Cream sold from town farm	10 66
" " " " "	8 68
From Overseer on town farm	15 00
Order for winter work from town farm .	5 00
Of J. E. Irish, for 2 primmers sold	42
Received from Buckfield as tuition . . .	37 95
Of J. W. Libby, for grass sold on school	
house lot	1 00
Cost returned the town on account of	
the Goding case	5 54
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	\$8,766 66

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1900.

Nov. 12, Paid State money received for dog	
license in 1900	\$44 00
23, Paid County tax for 1900	453 31

1901.

Jan. 8, Paid State tax for 1900	735 42
Paid dog license not collected, added	
to state tax	6 00

Orders redeemed.....	4,998 92
Due from John V. Thurlow collector for 1900.....	2,376 31
Cash in treasury....	152 70
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	\$8,766 66

Respectfully submitted,
M. C. OSGOOD,
Treasurer of Hartford.

School Report.

Book Account:

Raised by town.....	\$125 00	
Overdrawn last year.....	11 68	<u> </u>
		\$113 32
Received for two primmers.....		42
		<u> </u>
Total	\$113 74	

Paid for readers.....	\$77 91	
“ “ spellers.....	15 60	
“ “ writing books	10 80	
“ “ arithmetics.....	3 12	
“ “ physical geographies.	2 88	
“ “ express.....	2 42	<u> </u>
		\$112 73
Balance in favor of the town.....	\$1 01	

School account:

Raised by town.....	\$700 00	
Received from state	440 05	
Unexpended last year.....	199 19	
Interest on school fund.....	19 23	
Received from Buckfield.....	37 95	<u> </u>
Total.....	\$1,396 42	
Paid for teaching summer schools...	\$352 00	
“ “ “ fall “	425 00	
“ “ “ winter “	290 00	
“ “ wood	49 19	

Paid for janitor's services.....	11 00
“ “ conveying pupils.....	42 50
“ Sumner for tuition.....	30 10
Total.....	\$1,199 79
Unexpended.....	\$196 63

Repairs Account:

Raised by town.....	\$75 00
Overdrawn last year.....	18 05

\$56 95

Received for sale of grass.....	1 00
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Total\$ 57 95

Paid for cleaning schoolhouses.....	\$14 00
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“ “ school supplies.....	11 94
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“ “ repairs.....	11 86
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\$37 80

Balance in favor of the town.....	\$20 15
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Name of School.	Summer.	Fall.	Winter.
Tyler's Corner.....	Lena Towle.....	Merton Howard....	Merton Howard....
Union.....	Florence Osborne..	Bessie Bates.....	Wm Libby.....
Town Farm.....	Nettie DeCoster....	Mary Crockett....	Perley Cole.....
Centre.....	Susie Robbins.....	Susie Robbins.....	Susie Robbins.....
Line.....	Sadie Alley.....	Sadie Alley.....	Sadie Alley.....
Whiting.....	Clara Canwell.....	Eunice Libby.....	Bessie Bates.....
Mountam.....	Leora Mitchell.....	Mamie Mitchell....	Leora Mitchell....
Glover.....	Mary Crockett....

Superintendent's Report.

FELLOW CITIZENS :—

It is again my duty to report the condition of our schools. Diphtheria, directly and indirectly has injured our winter terms very much, but taking them for the year I cannot help feeling that they have been satisfactory. Our teachers have taken more pains to attend conventions and have seen the illustrations of our best educators. It is apparent to me, I think it must be to them, that if they are to follow teaching as a profession, it will be necessary to pay more attention to the best methods of instruction and not only to study these methods but make themselves competent to use them.

I find that it is as Supt. Stetson stated "The better the method the better the teacher required to use it."

We have reason to feel grateful for the help we are receiving from the educational department at Augusta. I have just received a pamphlet which fills a long felt want. It is a course of study for the elementary schools of Maine.

One of the weakest places in our country schools has been that we have had no guide for our teachers; they have been left too much to their own resources with no definite plan for what they should accomplish. Teachers are beginning to realize that they must not confine themselves to the text book; civil

government, nature studies, and current events, must henceforth have a share of our attention.

A great responsibility rests with our schools; it is said that at no other time is the character moulded and shaped as at this period.

How necessary then that the seventeen millions of Uncle Sam's pupils receive full instructions on the evils of narcotics and stimulants; how necessary that the teacher feel this responsibility. Many prominent men regard this early instruction as the only true remedy.

A few days ago I heard a lecture on the necessity of establishing standards in life. If we are satisfied with our ability no matter what our vocation may be we are stationary—progress ceases. The copy must constantly be placed before the child.

Let us encourage our children to get all the education they can, not with the hope that they will become professional characters—there are too many aiming in that direction already—but with the desire that they become good intelligent citizens and live with us right here among the hills of Hartford; we need them.

It was recently asked of Sec. Wilson "What part of the United States is the most promising for the young man of to-day?" the answer was: "New England, especially the abandoned farms of Maine."

It may be inferred from what I have written that that our teachers stand low in my estimation. I am convinced that they are equal to those in the adjoining towns. We cannot probably obtain for the money we now expend more efficient service than we have at present.

I never could bring myself to the humiliation of making comments upon their individual merits. What criticism I have offered is applicable to the rural superintendent as well.

I would not have you think that I advocate the immediate adoption of every new idea in regard to teaching. It is not for Hartford to lead the van of progress. It would not be practical to make radical changes any more than it would be best for electricity to suddenly supersede steam, or for telegraph companies to immediately adopt the wireless system of Marconi.

I would recommend the following appropriations :
\$50. for appliances and \$100. for books.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES E. IRISH,

Superintendent of Schools.

Ministerial and School Fund.

School Fund.

Deposited in Mechanic's Savings Bank,	\$41 42	
Notes and Securities.....	308 58	_____
Total.....		\$350 00

Ministerial Fund.

Deposited in And. Co. Savings Bank...	63 47	
Notes and Securities.....	503 39	_____
Total.....		\$646 86
Received interest on school fund.....	19 23	
“ “ “ Ministerial fund.....	35 64	_____
Total interest.....		\$54 87

Paid M. C. Osgood int. on school fund.. 19 23

Paid to the several societies their proportion of interest on ministerial fund, as follows:

Congregational.....	\$2 54	
Baptist	4 77	
Universalist.....	12 36	
Free Baptist.....	5 62	
Methodist.....	8 17	
Due Advents.....	2 18	_____
Total int. paid out.....		\$54 87

T. S. Doten,	}	Trustees of Hartford
J. W. Libby,		
T. B. W. Stetson.		Ministerial and School Fund.

Vital Statistics.

Marriage certificates recorded since Jan. 1, 1900.

Jan. 1, Mr. Irving H. Verrill of Auburn, and Miss Jennie W. Thomas of Hartford.

May 20, Mr. Frank E. Andrews of Hartford, and Miss Bertha M. Chase of Poland.

June 12, Mr. Geo. B. Shaw of Buckfield, and Miss Nettie L. Thompson of Hartford.

Sept. 25, Mr. Percy E. Dearborn of Canton, and Miss Persis A. Child of Hartford.

Oct. 31, Mr. Henry B. Maxim of Sumner, and Mrs. Lillian M. Gould of Hartford.

Nov. 10, Mr. Clement Dunn of Turner, Miss Mertie M. Sargent of Hartford.

Dec. 12, Mr. Otis G. Russell of Hartford, and Mrs. Nancy McConnell of Hartford.

BIRTHS.

1900.

Jan. 3, Mr. and Mrs. Herman R. Berry, a son.

May 26, " " Edward F. Bryant, a daughter.

Nov. 7, " " Albert G. Hadley, a son.

Nov. 12, " " Joseph F. Palmer, a son.

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Jan. 18, " " James G. Gammon, a son.

Jan. 25, " " Charles F. Reed, a daughter.

DEATHS.

1900.

Feb. 15, Robert Mitchell, age 39 years, 7 months, 26 d.

Mar. 22, Helen Ricker, age 28 years, 8 months, 13 d.

Apr. 17, Emily Bryant, age 70, years, 2 months, 12d.

June 25, Benjamin Cary, age 77 years, 7 months, 2 d.

Aug. 28, Helen S. Thomas, age 55 years, 3 months, 6d.

Dec. 18, Ernest Bosworth, age 14 years, 4 months, 23d.

July 1, Axel H. Howard, age 37 years, 6 months, 22d.

Town Meeting Warrant.

To John V. Thurlow, Constable of the town of Hartford in the County of Oxford:

Greeting :—

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Hartford qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the town hall in said town, on Monday, the fourth day of March, A. D. 1901, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following, to wit :

ART. 1.—To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2.—To see if the town will vote to accept the reports of the several town officers.

ART. 3.—To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 4.—To see if the town will vote to choose a Road Commissioner for the ensuing year.

ART. 5.—To see if the town will grant and raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the maintenance and support of schools and the poor, and repairs of roads and bridges, and to defray all other town charges for the ensuing year.

ART. 6.—To see what sum of money the town will raise for the purchase of school text books.

ART. 7.—To see if the town will vote to choose a supervisor of schools for the ensuing year.

ART. 8.—To see if the town will raise the sum of

\$300. to build the new road around Fuller Hill so-called, and pay the land damage of same.

The selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters, at the town hall, at nine o'clock in the forenoon on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Hartford, this 16th day of February, A. D. 1901.

T. B W. Stetson,	} Selectmen of Hartford.
O. E. Turner,	
A. E. Skillin.	

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